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Letter dated 18 October 2013 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council

Pursuant to Security Council resolution 2100 (2013), I have the honour to transmit the attached note verbale, dated 11 October 2013, from the Permanent Mission of France to the United Nations conveying a report to the Security Council on the implementation of the mandate of French troops in Mali (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would bring the present letter and its annex to the attention of the members of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) **BAN** Ki-moon

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Annex

[Original: French]

The Permanent Mission of France to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Office of the Secretary-General and has the honour to transmit the following:

In implementation of paragraph 18 of Security Council resolution 2100 (2013), please find attached the report of France on actions taken since 1 July 2013 by French forces in support of the United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in Mali (MINUSMA).

Enclosure

Report

Under paragraph 18 of Security Council resolution 2100 (2013), France is required to report to the Security Council on the implementation of its mandate in support of MINUSMA.

Since 1 July 2013, the date of inception of MINUSMA, no combat operations "under imminent and serious threat" have been reported, nor has the Secretary-General made any requests of France in this regard.

Nevertheless, it should be noted that some fifteen joint operations have been carried out by Operation Serval with MINUSMA, reflecting the relationship of trust between the two forces. This relationship of trust also allows the two forces to provide each other with reliable and consistent support through the pooling of their chronically scarce resources.

Date	*Threat type*	*Action taken*	*Result*
24 June-8 July	Threat from armed jihadist group	Search operation in cooperation with MINUSMA and the Malian armed forces in Ansongo-Menaka region	Terrain familiarization – presence established – no seizures
15-21 July	Purported threat from armed jihadist group	Participation of a battalion of the Chadian armed forces for intervention in Mali in an operation in northern Mali	Terrain familiarization – recovery of matériel and munitions
19 July	Demonstrations in Kidal town centre	Mixed MINUSMA/Operation Serval patrols	Dispersal of a demonstration and securing of the town centre
28 July-11 August	Threat from armed jihadist group	Support in providing security for presidential elections — cooperation with Malian armed forces and MINUSMA at Bamako	Bamako and the airport and its surroundings effectively secured
28 July-11 August	Threat from armed jihadist group	Support in providing security for presidential elections — cooperation with Malian armed forces and MINUSMA	Polling stations effectively secured without incident
14 and 15 August	MNLA demonstrations at Kidal and Aguelhok	Deployment of an Operation Serval section at Kidal and action by the Liaison and Support Detachment (LSD) at Aguelhok	Dispersal of the demonstration and securing of the town centre
17 August	Demonstrations at Aguelhok	Mixed MINUSMA/Operation Serval patrols	Dispersal of the demonstration and securing of the town centre

Date	*Threat type*	*Action taken*	*Result*
4-15 September	Presence of armed jihadist group	Participation of the Niger Battalion in an Operation Serval search operation in the Aguelhok Tabenkort region	Terrain familiarization – participation in seizures of munitions and matériel
13 September	Grenade attack on the bank at Kidal	Explosive Ordinance Disposal (EOD) intervention on grenade at the bank	Sector secured by MINUSMA with its LSD and destruction of the grenade
16 September	Demonstration and occupation of Kidal airport following announcement of the arrival of a Govt. minister	Joint MINUSMA/Operation Serval intervention through deployment of a section	Airport secured, allowing it to be reopened after one hour
19 September	Possible terrorist threat	Support for providing security for the investiture of Ibrahim Boubakar Keïta	Airport and its surroundings secured
28 September	Attack on Timbuktu	EOD intervention in support of MINUSMA Quick Response Force	Attacked camp secured and explosives remaining in the area deactivated
30 September	Challenge by National Movement for the Liberation of Azawad (MNLA) youth and attempted destruction of the Kidal bank	Securing of the bank by a section of Operation Serval, dispatch of infantry reinforcements to the airport, and EOD intervention on the grenade at the bank	Kidal town centre secured and grenade destroyed – 3 MNLA members neutralized
9 October	Threat from armed jihadist group	Patrol by Burkina Faso Battalion, supported by Operation Serval close air support at Timbuktu	Sector secured – presence established – no seizures
20 October-3 November	Development of earlier intelligence	Search operation in cooperation with MINUSMA and Malian armed forces in the Bourem-Bamba region	To be announced
Pending	Attempted destruction of the Bentia bridge	Reconnaissance/securing of the bridge with elements of Burkina Faso Battalion	To be announced

The Liaison and Support Detachments carry out permanent and joint actions or operations with the MINUSMA battalions with which they are deployed. Since 1 July they have carried out approximately 70 joint patrols.

Moreover, the daily work of the French Liaison and Support Detachments deployed among the MINUSMA battalions should be highlighted. Each day, these units advise, coordinate and support their MINUSMA counterparts during their patrol and regional-control missions.